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January 27, 2017

Leggett to Hold Final FY18 Operating Budget Forum in Series
Monday, January 30   7:00pm
BlackRock Center for the Arts
12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett is holding the first of five budget forums the second week in January to seek input from residents about Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Operating Budget priorities. Join discussion at **#MontCoFY18budgetforum**.

(Presentation Slide | Press Release)

Residents' feedback is crucial in determining priorities!

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Leggett Announces Capital Construction Budget

County Executive Leggett has released his recommended FY18 Capital Budget and amendments to the FY17-22 Capital Improvements Program. Transportation recommendations include more funding for Bus Rapid Transit, bridge renovation and road resurfacing. See budget online.

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UCAB Land Use Committee
Monday, February 6   7:00pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: Traffic Engineering (Signage, Signalization, etc.)
Guests: Venu Nemani, Chief of Traffic Engineering, MCDOT
Pamela Dunn, Chief, Functional Planning & Policy (pending availability)

All board and their committee meetings are open to the public!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.
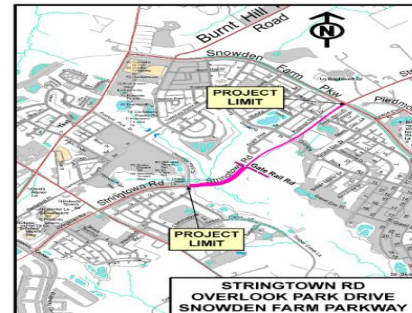
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Annual Women's Legislative Briefing

The Montgomery County Commission for Women and several co-sponsoring organizations invite you to the 2017 Women's Legislative Briefing. The purpose of the Briefing is to inform Maryland residents about legislative proposals that address issues of specific concern to women. The briefing will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29. General registration with refreshments begins at 11:30 a.m. and the opening ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. at The Universities at Shady Grove, Building II at 9630 Gudelsky Dr. Rockville, Md. 20850.   Tickets and additional information are available here.

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Making Progress on Stringtown Road in Clarksburg

Montgomery County's Department of Transportation continues to make progress with roadway grading and retaining wall construction on Stringtown Road.

Follow the progress on Twitter at #stringtownrd or learn more about the project online.

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Libraries Commemorate Black History Month

A series of programs to commemorate Black History Month will take place at several branches of Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) during February. The series "Black History Month - Our Heritage: From the Civil War to Education in Montgomery County" is presented by members of the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS) Speakers Bureau. Click here for list of events.

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Ride On is Hiring!

We're looking to add more than 100 bus operators to our team.
Apply at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/careers.

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Public Invited to Open Houses about the MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit Study

Two open houses will be held in February so the public can learn more about the MD 355 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Planning Study being conducted by the Maryland Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. The planned BRT service would run between Bethesda and Clarksburg (including along Observation Drive).

First Open House:
Tuesday, February 7   6:30pm-8:30pm   (SNOW date: Tuesday, February 14),
Montgomery College - Germantown Campus - Bioscience Education Building
20200 Observation Drive, Germantown

Second Open House:
Wednesday, February 8   6:30pm-8:30pm   (SNOW date: Monday, February 13),
Rockville: Executive Office Building - Cafeteria
101 Monroe Street, Rockville

Attendees will be able to review the following, meet the project team and provide their input about:
•   Conceptual Alternatives
•   Results of Preliminary Analysis
•   Station Design Concepts
•   Next Steps

Project information is available online.

For more information, contact the Maryland Transit Administration Office of Customer and Community Relations:
- By calling 410-767-3999, 866-743-3682 or TTY 410-539-3497.
- By emailing md355brt@mta.maryland.gov.
- By mail: Maryland Transit Administration, 6 St. Paul Street, Suite 902, Baltimore, MD 21202

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who took time to help name the BRT system.
Stay tuned for an announcement.

For updates on the BRT system project, visit *http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brt*

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Shop Energy Tax Free

Montgomery County (& Maryland) residents can purchase Energy Star Appliances with NO TAX on President's Day weekend. The Department of Environmental Protection's Energy Team will be hosting events throughout the County. For more information, click here for flyer or go to https://mygreenmontgomery.org/taxfree/

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Also check out the latest from:
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Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
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Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
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Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org/